

Excerpts From Newspapers Re: Raymond Schneider

Found body Saturday, 9/16/22 with Pearl Bahmer, At time of murder lived at 102 Sicard St., New Brunswick near Baccleough Park. Married about two months ago, but is believed to be separated from wife. Out of work. Considered roustabout.

According to Schneider's statement to authorities, he was with Pearl Bahmer on Thursday night, 9/14/22. States he left her about 9 P.M. near the end of the trolley line. This is about 3/4 of a mile from spot where bodies were found. After leaving Pearl, states he met Clifford Hayes and another boy named Kaufman, who also live near Park and walked with them down Easton Avenue to Landing Lane where Parker House for Aged is situated. States he returned home about 9:45 P.M. Did not see Rector or Mrs. M. (Times 9/25/22)

Leon Kauffman who lives on Easton Ave. near Ray St. left Hayes and Schneider early. After that two strolled around in vicinity of Baccleough Park until nearly three in the morning. Once they walked out Easton Avenue as far as Parker Home for Aged. This is within 100 yards of deserted farmhouse on Phillips farm near which bodies were found. Both are positive they heard neither screams nor shots. (Tribune 9/26/22) Schneider was 24?

Schneider states he met Pearl on Friday 9/15/22 on College & Hamilton Avenues and made an appointment for next day. They met at 8:40 A.M. Saturday 9/16/22 and walked out into country to pick mushrooms. At 10:30 they came across bodies. They waited near bodies for ten minutes, not touching them and not knowing what to do. Finally they ran across fields to William Stricker who telephoned police. Schneider and Pearl then returned to bodies and waited arrival of police when they went home. (Times 9/26/22)

Both Schneider and Hayes repeated stories that they frequently went out to the park and remained until a late hour.

Schneider claims to be eye witness to murders. States tragically was case of mistaken identity. That boy he named was after another man and he came upon Rev. H. and Mrs. M. under a crab apple tree. Schneider questioned by Totten, David, and Dickman. States that he and boy in question followed Pearl out in direction of Phillips Farm about 11 P.M. September 14. Hearing farm house came upon couple under tree. Boy mistook them for Pearl and "other man". "There they are, let me at them" boy said. Same time he leaped forward and fired three shots. Schneider and boy rushed to bodies. Schneider realized "a terrible mistake had been made". Boy realized this was a case and they fled. Schneider does not know what his chum did with pistol. Says he did not see him throw it away.

Schneider's original story was he heard shots which ended lives of Rector and Mrs. M. That he saw two men and woman running from scene. Stuck to this story for hours until he broke down and named companion as actual slayer. Signed statement to this effect. Schneider confronted with his chum and accused him of killing. Chum denied it. (Evening Journal 10/9/22)

Schneider claims he met Hayes night 9/14/22 and told him Pearl, daughter of former saloonkeeper who now runs pool room, was seen going with her father, Nicholas Bahmer, to Buccleugh Park. Schneider, married three years, not living with wife, was in love with Pearl who lives with aunt. (M.W. 10/10/22)

Schneider confession states Hayes did not cut Mrs. M's throat and that neither he nor Hayes arranged bodies. Also accuses Hayes of stealing Rector's watch. (Amer. 10/10/22)

Schneider states he and Hayes crept up within three feet of couple when Hayes "blazed away". (Her. 10/10/22)

Schneider admits familiarity with Pearl Bahmer three years beginning when she was less than 13 and when he was married only a few months. (Her. 10/10/22)

Believed mentally deficient (E. Sun 10/10/22)

Statement of Raymond Schneider made to officials is printed Times 10/11/22. Accuses Hayes and tells of walk on Friday morning 9/15/22 with Pearl B. in search of mushrooms and again on Saturday when they found bodies. Claims Hayes put Mrs. Mills' scarf and Rector's hat over respective faces. "Times" also contains letters written to Pearl Bahmer by Schneider.

Hayes released from custody. Schneider retracts statement accusing Hayes of murders. (M.W. 10/13/22)

Gives as his reason for accusing Hayes his spiteful feeling because of denial made by Hayes and Pearl of statement of Schneider to authorities. (M.W. 10/13/22)

Full recantation of Schneider printed in M.W. 10/13/22

See Herald 10/13/22 for reasons given by Schneider to Prosecutor for Schneider's accusation to Hayes. Also Times of 10/13/22.

Held on double charges of perjury and imperiling morals of minor. Is reported that he was janitor of Phillips Farm House. He denies this. (Amer. 10/14/22)

Said to have been in vicinity of Phillips Farm from 11 P.M. to 3 A.M. according to their story. (Her. Tri. 10/17/22)

Indicted today on charge of perjury in Hayes complaint. (Eve. W. 11/11/22)

Writ served on Sheriff Elmer Wyckoff by Judge Gunmere ordering production Snyder to testify before Grand Jury. (Trib. 11/19/22)

Before Grand Jury today; grilled for one hour. (Her. 11/22/22)

Authorities convinced Snyder knows more than he has told. (Eve. Jour. 12/5/22)

Convicted of perjury 12/8/22. Trial before Judge Peter F. Daly, prosecutor.

For summary of Snyder-Bahmer movements see Sun. W. 8/8/26;

MEMORANDUMASSOCIATED PRESS RE: HALL-MILLS

Understand these ^{New} papers today say "Inspector Underwood ^{says} that five requests have been made by the Prosecution to me to appear for questioning in New Jersey. ^{and} That I have refused. On August 18th, this year, I was visited at Craggsmoor, Sullivan County, New York, by Detectives Burke, Long, ^{Dennin} ~~Dennin~~ who said they were from Simpson. I answered practically all questions they asked me and signed a statement of questions and answers. A day or two later statements were published in ^a ~~one~~ New York tabloid newspaper purporting to be questions put to me by the investigators and my answers. These statements in such paper were distorted. ^{and falsified.} On September — Inspector Underwood wrote me at Craggsmoor, asking me to appear in Jersey for examination by Simpson. My letter reply to Underwood was as follows: ^a

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